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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Miami, Florida July 13, 1976

IGNACIO ROBERTO NOVO SAMPOL U) INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

PRELIMINARY INQUIRY (Initiated September 1975)

Bur notari in 190-23986 27X NOVO SAMPOL continues to live at 1855 West 60th Street, Hialeah, Florida, and is employed as a car salesman at Austin Ford, Incorporated (Inc.), 3801 N. W. 27th Avenue.

MM T-1, a Cuban exile actively involved in Cuban exile terrorist activities, on March 15, 1976, furnished the following information:

A group of Cuban exiles living in the Miami area have been recently meeting and discussing the possibility of taking military action against the Government of Costa Rica. Their discussions are based on the fact that ORLANDO BOSCH AVIIA, a Cuban exile terrorist, at that time, was in jail in Nosta Rica.

Among the persons meeting to consider action against Costa Rica, were some of BOSCH's supporters in Miami, Florida, along with IGNACIO NOVO and GUILLERMONNOVO.

These Cuban exiles discussed the possibility of abtaining dynamite to be used against the Costa Rican Embassy or business establishments in the United States or some third country. No definite plans were made and the group at that time did not have access to explosives. X

MM T-2, a Cuban exile involved in revolutionary matters for the past six years, on March 16, 1976, reported that WALDO CASTRO VERDE, ALDO VERA, and RAUL VARANDELA, members

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of BOSCH's terrorist group, recently met with IGNACIO and GUILLERMO NOVO, to discuss retaliatory action to be taken against the Government of Costa Rica. They discussed the possibility of bombing Costa Rican business and diplomatic establishments outside of that country. They said if BOSCH is not released from jail, they will be forced to take such terrorist action.

MM T-2 said he was unable to evaluate this group's ability to carry out such activites. (X, \mathcal{U})

MM T-2 on March 26, 1976, stated that two days previously, a meeting was held at the home of MERCEDES/ROSELLO in Miami, where about 14 different Cuban exile political File figures attended.

Among those attending were the NOVO brothers, IGNACIO and GUILLERMO.

The general discussion centered around the arrest of Cuban exile revolutionary LUIS TORNES, who was then in jail in Venezuela. The group decided to form a committee to collect money for TORNES to pay for his legal fees. The group feared that if this Venezuelan Government put pressure on TORNES, he would give information involving those persons in attendance at the meeting.

MM T-1, on May 26, 1976, advised that the Cuban National Liberation Front (FLNC), a Cuban terrorist organization which has been involved in bombings for the past two years, is headed by FRANKYCASTRO.

FRANK CASTRO stated he wanted to hold a meeting in the Dominican Republic to invite about five other Cuban terrorist organizations to form a unity pact with the FLNC. One of the groups to be invited is the Cuban Nationalist Movement (CNM), of which the NOVO brothers are members.

MM T-1 advised that the FLNC had such a meeting in the Dominican Republic between June 11, 1976 and June 13, 1976. As a result of this meeting, a unity group was formed (

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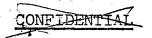
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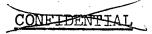
RIVERO explained that about two years ago, he met for the first time with DIONISIO SUAREZ, but has had no further contact with him.

RIVERO claimed that IGNACIO NOVO responds to the activities of the CNM in the New Jersey area and is not associated with the CNM membership and activities in the Miami area.

MM T-2, a Cuban exile who is associated with CNM activities in the New Jersey area, on September 24, 1976, advised that on September 16, 1976, the Russian ship "Ivan Shepetkov" at Elizabeth, New Jersey, was bombed by an explosive device. MM T-2 felt that GUILLERMO NOVO was behind the bombing and the possibility existed that IGNACIO NOVO was in New Jersey during that period of time

On October 18, 1976, FELIPE RIVERO DIAZ was interviewed by WQBA, a Spanish language radio station in Miami. RIVERO said that recently an article appeared in El Nacional, a daily newspaper published in Caracas, Venezuela. The article alleged that IGNACIO and GUILLERMO NOVO were involved in the assassination of the ex-Chilean Ambassador to the United States, ORLANDO LETELIER, which took place on September 21, 1976.

RIVERO stated that terrorist acts of which he and CNM members have been accused, stem from a book written by CARLOS RIVERO COLLADO, a Cuban exile in Miami who defected to Cuba in November, 1974. RIVERO denied that he or the NOVO brothers had anything to do with LETELIER's assassination.



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